

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. For a data processing system, a method for managing commerce contexts, the
2 data processing system being associated with a direct commerce context and a
3 temporary commerce context, the data processing system being operatively coupled
4 to memory having a session area, said method comprising the steps of:
5 receiving a client request associated with a commerce context parameter; and
6 determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context
7 parameter.
- 1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of determining the
2 commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter includes
3 determining whether said commerce context parameter identifies said direct
4 commerce context or said temporary commerce context.
- 1 3. The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising the step of constructing
2 the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter.
- 1 4. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said commerce context parameter
2 is included in said client request.
- 1 5. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said commerce context parameter
2 is defined in the session area.
- 1 6. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said client request further includes
2 a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said method further comprises
3 the step of defining said second commerce context parameter in the session area.
- 1 7. The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the step of executing
2 said client request using said constructed commerce context.

1 8. A computer program product having a computer readable medium tangibly
2 embodying code for directing a data processing system to manage commerce
3 contexts, the data processing system being associated with a direct commerce context
4 and a temporary commerce context, the data processing system being operatively
5 coupled to memory having a session area, said computer program product
6 comprising:

7 code for receiving a client request associated with a commerce context
8 parameter; and
9 code for determining the commerce context associated with said commerce
10 context parameter.

1 9. The computer program product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the code for
2 determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter
3 includes code for determining whether said commerce context parameter identifies
4 said direct commerce context or said temporary commerce context.

1 10. The computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising code
2 for constructing the commerce context associated with said commerce context
3 parameter.

1 11. The computer program product as claimed in claim 10, wherein said
2 commerce context parameter is included in said client request.

1 12. The computer program product as claimed in claim 10, wherein said
2 commerce context parameter is defined in the session area.

1 13. The computer program product as claimed in claim 11, wherein said client
2 request further includes a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said
3 computer program product further comprises code for defining said second commerce
4 context parameter in the session area.

- 1 14. The computer program product as claimed in claim 13, further comprising
2 code for executing said client request using said constructed commerce context.

1 15. A data processing system for managing commerce contexts, said data
2 processing system being associated with a direct commerce context and a temporary
3 commerce context, said data processing system being operatively coupled to memory
4 having a session area, said data processing system comprising:

5 a module for receiving a client request associated with a commerce context
6 parameter; and

7 a module for determining the commerce context associated with said
8 commerce context parameter.

1 16. The data processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein said module for
2 determining the commerce context associated with said commerce context parameter
3 includes a component for determining whether said commerce context parameter
4 identifies said direct commerce context or said temporary commerce context.

1 17. The data processing system as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a
2 module for constructing the commerce context associated with said commerce
3 context parameter.

1 18. The data processing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said commerce
2 context parameter is included in said client request.

1 19. The data processing system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said commerce
2 context parameter is defined in the session area.

1 20. The data processing system as claimed in claim 18, wherein said client request
2 further includes a second commerce context parameter, and wherein said data
3 processing system further includes a component for defining said second commerce
4 context parameter in the session area.

1 21. The data processing system as claimed in claim 20, further comprising a
2 component for executing said client request using said constructed commerce context.